

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

December 2013

CATEGORY	Month 2013	Month 2012	YTD 13	YTD 12
DOE INCIDENTS	0	1	6	6
FIRE	7	6	370	425
HAZMAT	182	172	2440	2559
OTHER	87	70	1099	867
911 OUTAGES	4	3	40	40
SAR	39	49	775	763
TERRORIST	0	0	1	0
WEATHER INCIDENTS	3	3	60	65
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	2	12	15
TOTAL	322	306	4803	4740
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(1)	(3)	(64)	(60)
ADD'L WEATHER ALERTS (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(19)		(356)	

*Note: Prior to January 1, 2013, only initiating weather events were counted in the statistics. As the weather severity changed and storm systems crossed the state, new or updated weather related alerts were issued, but the numbers of additional alerts issued were only "rolled into" the one initiating event. Beginning January 1, 2013, all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event are recorded as Additional Weather Alerts.

LEGEND

DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages
ESAR	Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- On December 1, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for all rivers and streams in Pierce, Thurston and Lewis Counties and Flood Warnings for the Puyallup and Cowlitz Rivers. The Watch and Warnings were cancelled the following day. Minor flooding occurred.
- On December 4, the National Weather Service issued a Wind Chill Watch for most of Eastern Washington. On December 6, the Wind Chill Watch was upgraded to a Wind Chill Warning to include the South Washington Cascades. The Wind Chill Warning expired on December 8.
- On December 5, Skamania County conducted a rescue of an injured hiker that had fallen into an ice cave near Mt St. Helens. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) to assist in the extraction and the hiker was transported to a local hospital.
- On December 5, the Alert and Warning Center activated the Emergency Alert System (EAS) in support of an AMBER Alert that had been issued by the Kennewick Police Department for Elizabeth Romero, a 14 year-old Hispanic female taken from 1800 West 7th Avenue in Kennewick. On December 10, authorities reported that the child was located safely in Mexico.
- On December 5, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters, including the San Juan Islands. The Warning expired on December 7.
- On December 6, the University of Washington Seismology Lab reported that a magnitude 3.4 earthquake occurred 10 miles west of Poulsbo. There were no reports of damages.
- On December 8, Rangers at Mt Rainier requested mountain rescue specialists to assist in the rescue of an injured hiker above Paradise. Resources from Tacoma Mountain Rescue and Olympic Mountain Rescue were coordinated to assist. The individual was airlifted to safety the same day.

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- On December 11, Skamania County opened a rescue mission for two hikers who had fallen over a cliff in the Washougal area. A technical rescue team was coordinated from Clark County's Volcano Mountain Rescue group to assist. The two injured individuals were transported to the hospital.
- On December 12, Skamania County opened a search for a missing 62 year-old hiker near Stevenson and requested ground searchers and a helicopter. Ground Searchers were coordinated from Clark County and ground searchers and a helicopter were coordinated from Snohomish County to assist. The missing hiker was located in good condition and the search was concluded at 1500 hours on December 12 before the helicopter and the additional ground searchers deployed.
- On December 18, the Spokane National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Washington Palouse Region and the Pendleton National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for the Northwestern Blue Mountains. The watches were in effect from December 20 to December 21.
- On December 18, the National Weather Service in Seattle issued a Winter Storm Watch for the interior of Western Washington from the greater Puget Sound region northward. The watch was in effect from December 19 to December 20.
- On December 19, the National Weather Service in Seattle issued a Winter Storm Warning for the West Slopes of the Central Cascades. The warning expired the same day.
- On December 19, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the Northwest Blue Mountains of Washington. The Warning was in effect from December 20 to December 21.
- On December 20, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the Spokane area with snow accumulations of up to 6 inches expected. The Warning expired at midnight on December 20.
- On December 23, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for Puget Sound and Hood Canal effective for the morning hours only.

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For the month of December 2013 the SEOO's:

- Issued 61 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
- Issued 43 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
- Conducted 613 notifications to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
- Coordinated 6 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.
- Participated in 14 exercises of which 6 were vessel spill drills.
- Conducted 2076 National Warning System Tests (NAWAS - State and Federal Circuits). NAWAS connects over 1,800 State and Federal agencies on the Federal circuit and all counties, some agencies, and some tribes on the State circuit.
- Conducted 363 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. The CEMNET connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console.
- Conducted 10 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE).
- Conducted 11 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS).
- Conducted 5 Emergency Alert System (EAS) tests. The EAS broadcasts emergency information to the public via television and radio mediums.
- Conducted 31 All Hazards Alert Broadcast System (AHAB) Daily Function tests. The AHAB tests functional capability of all coastal and Puget Sound AHAB siren systems.
- Conducted 1 All Hazards Alert Broadcast System (AHAB) Siren test. The AHAB Siren activates coastal and Puget Sound voice and tone sirens during tsunami and other hazardous incidents.
- Conducted 26 Olympic Peninsula Public Safety Alliance Network (OPSCAN) tests. OPSCAN connects public safety organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula.

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- Conducted 2 State Agency Emergency Network (STAEN) tests. STAEN connects state agencies via an 800 MHz radio system.
- Conducted 3 King County 800 MHz Radio System tests. The King County radio 800 MHz system connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.